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§77.1504 Auger equipment; operation.

- (a) Persons shall be kept clear of the auger train while it is in motion and shall not be permitted to pass under or over an auger train, except where adequate crossing facilities are provided.
- (b) Persons shall be kept clear of auger sections being swung into position.
- (c) No person, including the auger machine operator, shall, where practicable, be stationed in direct line with a borehole during augering operations.
- (d) Operator of auger equipment shall not leave the controls of such equipment while the auger is in operation.
- (e) Adequate illumination shall be provided for work areas after dark.

§ 77.1505 Auger holes; blocking.

Auger holes shall be blocked with highwall spoil or other suitable material before they are abandoned.

Subpart Q—Loading and Haulage

§ 77.1600 Loading and haulage; general.

- (a) Only authorized persons shall be permitted on haulage roads and at loading or dumping locations.
- (b) Traffic rules, signals, and warning signs shall be standardized at each mine and posted.
- (c) Where side or overhead clearances on any haulage road or at any loading or dumping location at the mine are hazardous to mine workers, such areas shall be conspicuously marked and warning devices shall be installed when necessary to insure the safety of the workers.

§ 77.1601 Transportation of persons; restrictions.

No person shall be permitted to ride or be otherwise transported on or in the following equipment whether loaded or empty:

- (a) Dippers, shovels, buckets, forks, and clamshells;
- (b) The cargo space of dump trucks or haulage equipment used to transport coal or other material;
- (c) Outside the cabs and beds of mobile equipment;
- (d) Chain, belt, or bucket conveyors, except where such conveyors are spe-

cifically designed to transport persons; and

(e) Loaded buckets on aerial tramways.

§ 77.1602 Use of aerial tramways to transport persons.

Persons other than maintenance men shall not ride empty buckets on aerial tramways unless the following features are provided:

- (a) Two independent brakes, each capable of holding the maximum load.
- (b) Direct communication between terminals.
- (c) Power drives with emergency power available in case of primary power failure.
- (d) Buckets equipped with positive locks to prevent accidental tripping or dumping.

§ 77.1603 Trains and locomotives; authorized persons.

- (a) Only authorized persons shall be permitted to ride on trains or locomotives and they shall ride in a safe position.
- (b) Men shall not get on or off moving equipment, except that trainmen may get on or off of slowly moving trains.

§ 77.1604 Transportation of persons; overcrowding.

- (a) No man-trip vehicle or other conveyance used to transport persons to and from work areas at surface coal mines shall be overcrowded and all persons shall ride in a safe position.
- (b) Supplies, materials, and tools other than small handtools shall not be transported with men in man-trip vehicles unless such vehicles are specifically designed to make such transportation safe.

§ 77.1605 Loading and haulage equipment; installations.

- (a) Cab windows shall be of safety glass or equivalent, in good condition and shall be kept clean.
- (b) Mobile equipment shall be equipped with adequate brakes, and all trucks and front-end loaders shall also be equipped with parking brakes.
- (c) Positive-action type brakes shall be provided on aerial tramways.